

In re Appln. of Krupa
Application No. 09/759,875
Response to Office Action of February 10, 2005

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 15-90 (canceled)

Claim 91 (Currently amended) A system for ensuring the proper dispensation of a pharmaceutical, the system comprised of:

a container;

a first label attached to the container, the first label having a machine readable first barcode and additional indicia identifying a particular pharmaceutical stored in the container;

a second label attached to the container in close proximity to the first label, the second label having a machine readable second barcode, the second barcode identifying a particular pharmaceutical desired to be distributed to a patient, and additional indicia;

the second barcode aligned with the first barcode such that both the first and second barcode and all additional indicia on both the first and second label are fully readable; and

a scanner capable of reading both the first and second barcode simultaneously and subsequently comparing the second barcode with the first to determine if the second barcode corresponds to the first barcode.

Claim 92 (Previously presented) The system of claim 91, wherein:

the second label attached to the container has a first portion and a second portion;

the second portion extends from the first portion and includes the second barcode; and

the second barcode is aligned with the first barcode.

Claim 93 (Previously presented) The system of claim 92, wherein the first portion includes at least one of a typewritten and a handwritten prescription information.

Claim 94 (Previously presented). The system of claim 91, wherein the first barcode and the second barcode are aligned side-by-side.

Claim 95 (Previously presented). The system of claim 91, wherein the first label is a single-layer label.

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Claim 96 (Allowed). A packaging system for pharmaceuticals, the packaging system comprised of:

a container having a symbol that represents a pharmaceutical stored in the container;
and

a single-layer label having a first side and a second side with the second side attached directly to a surface of a container, the single-layer label including:

a first portion having an outer boundary;

a second portion extending out and away from the outer boundary of the first portion; and

an indicium, inscribed on the second portion, identifying at least a pharmaceutical that has been prescribed to a patient;

the indicium aligned with the symbol so as to allow both the symbol and the indicium to be scanned together by a detector in order to confirm that the prescribed pharmaceutical matches the contents of the pharmaceutical container.

Claim 97 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein:

the first portion and the second portion of the single-layer label are generally rectangular in shape;

the second portion extends out and away from a side of the first portion, the side of the first portion having a first length; and

a side of the second portion that is contiguous with the side of the first portion has a second length that is shorter than the first length.

Claim 98 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein, the second portion extends outward from a corner of the first portion.

Claim 99 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein the second portion and symbol are shaped so that the second portion may cover part of the symbol while allowing for simultaneous scanning by a detector.

Claim 100 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein:

the symbol and the indicium are bar codes; and

the detector is a bar code scanner.

Claim 101 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein the first portion of the single-layer label contains information regarding the prescription.

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Claim 102 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein at least part of the label is transparent.

Claim 103 (Allowed). The system of claim 96, wherein the indicium is a checksum of the symbol.

Claim 104 (Allowed). The system of claim 103, wherein the checksum includes a check digit of the checksum.

Claim 105 (Currently amended). A system for ensuring that a product stored in container corresponds to the product identified on a label attached to a container, the quality control system comprised of:

a container;

a first label attached to the container, the first label having an a scanner-readable identifying indicia identifying the product stored in the container, and additional indicia;

a second label attached to the container in close proximity to the first label, the second label having a scanner-readable confirmation indicia and additional indicia, the scanner-readable confirmation indicia that is aligned with the identifying indicia such that both the identifying indicia, and the confirmation indicia, and all additional indicia on both the first and second label are fully readable, wherein the confirmation indicia corresponding to the identifying indicia; and

a scanner capable of simultaneously reading the identifying indicia and the confirmation indicia and subsequently comparing the two to determine if the identifying indicia correspond ~~corresponds~~ to the confirmation indicia.

Claims 106-109 (Canceled)